

COUNTRY Hungary SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO.                     

TOPIC 1. Hungarian Troops in Szentendre, Szekesfehervar and Budapest 412  
2. New Hungarian Service Insignia

EVALUATION                      25X1 PLACE OBTAINED                      25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 3 to 15 October 1951

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REFERENCES                     

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1. On 4 October 1951, 2 Hungarian engineer officers and 1 sergeant got off a train at a suburban railroad station of Szentendre (Q 48/H 54) and went to the Engineer Barracks on the west bank of the Danube River, south of Szentendre. They had come from Budapest and wore dark-green service color and anchor with foul cable insignia on the collar patches. A park for engineer equipment, surrounded by a wire fence and guarded by an engineer soldier, was located north of Szentendre, between the highway to Visegrad (Q 48/H 55) and the Danube River. Some low wooden buildings, pontoons, boats, wooden construction material and 15 trucks were noticed. (1)
- 25X1 2. On 3 October 1951, [ ] Hungarian infantry, AAA, signal and air force troops near the Szekesfehervar railroad station. (2) A troop train consisting of 30 railroad cars, including 3 occupied by troops and 26 or 27 loaded with guns, and coming from the direction of Budapest, arrived in Szekesfehervar about 12:15 p.m. on 15 October 1951. The same train was later seen at the Hajmasker railroad station, but [ ] no indications that it would be unloaded there. (2)
- 25X1 Sentries on various cars of the train wore red service color. The guns on the train were relatively short-barreled and of about 150-mm. The muzzle covers showed the contours of muzzle brakes. Vertical cylinders were on either side of the gun barrels before the shield. The guns were mounted on a one-axle split-trail carriage, had dual tires and, in addition, two extendable wheels with pneumatic tires at the rear end of the trails. (3)
- 25X1 3. [ ]
- 25X1 4. Between 4 and 10 October 1951, [ ] two Hungarian troop trains heading toward Ferencvaros on the railroad line between the Kelenfold and Ferencvaros railroad stations. One train consisted of about 40 cars and included 12 boxcars occupied by troops and in the middle, four flatcars with 8 AA guns of about 40 mm, covered by tarpaulins. The guns had angular shields and muzzle brakes. Another train of about 40 cars included 10 boxcars with troops, an unidentified number of flatcars with motor vehicles, 4 field kitchens in operation, and canvas-covered weapons, possibly mortars. (4)

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5. Between 3 and 15 October 1951, the new officers' epaulets of the Hungarian Army were repeatedly observed. Company-grade officers wore golden epaulets, with the service color indicated by one longitudinal stripe along the middle of the epaulets and the pipings hemming in the epaulets. In addition, they wore silver stars according to their rank. Field-grade officers wore silver epaulets with two longitudinal stripes indicating the service color, and golden stars according to their rank. Branch-of-service insignia continued to be worn on the collar patches. (5) Round devices, about the size of an Austrian schilling piece and bearing a Soviet Star encircled by the Hungarian national colors, were seen on the caps (pilotka) of several infantry and artillerymen. (6)
6. During the first half of October the new Hungarian summer uniform of grey-green linen with Gimnastorka and pilotka was still worn by troops. Troops wearing winter uniform had an overcoat, short jack boots and long khaki trousers, but summer caps. Only one soldier was seen wearing a khaki winter cap. This cap was more square-shaped than Soviet winter caps, and not lined with fur. (5)

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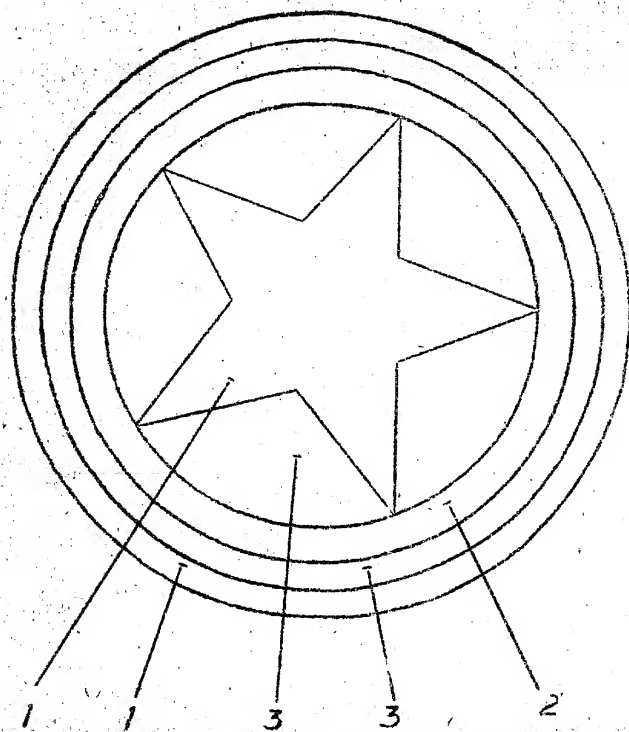
- (1) A report of September 1948 also stated that the barracks installation on the southern perimeter of Szentendre quartered an engineer unit.
- 25X1 (2) The information agrees with several previous reports on Hungarian troops in Szekesfehervar.
- (3) Probably a shipment of new artillery pieces for an unidentified unit in Western Hungary. The description checks with that of the Soviet 152-mm gun howitzer. The gun barrel, about 5 meters long, was probably retracted for the duration of the rail movement.
- (4) Apparently units which departed from a summer camp or from fall maneuvers. The guns mentioned may have been Soviet model 39 x 37-mm AA guns. Their funnel-shaped flash hiders were probably mistaken for muzzle brakes.
- 25X1 (5) The information essentially agrees with previous reports.
- 25X1 (5) It is believed that, in accordance with Soviet regulations, the golden and silver epaulets are worn only with dress uniforms.
- (6) For a sketch of the cap device, see Annex.

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Device on the Caps of Hungarian Army Personnel



Colors: 1 Red  
2 Green  
3 White